Raids on NDMC officials

1857. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has recently raided offices and residential premises of Ex-president of NDMC and other officials;

(b) if so, the details of officials of NDMC on whom CBI had conducted raids;

(c) whether the NDMC officials have been found to be most corrupt and in connivance with the mafia's unearthed;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) further action Government propose to take against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Bureau of Investigation in July, 2003 conducted a search of the offices/private premises on one former Chairperson and five serving officers of New Delhi Municipal Council after registration of a case against them in which it was alleged that the accused officials had abused their official position to extend undue favour to two private persons and caused undue pecuniary gain to them. The seizures included the documents/material relevant to the investigation and an amount of Rs. 19.30 lakhs recovered from the Bank lockers of one of the accused official and his wife.

(e) The alleged misdemeanor on the part of aforementioned persons, if proved, constitues a criminal offence with penal consequences.

Condition of women detainees in jails

1858. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been improvements in the condition of women detainees in jails/prisons, remand homes and lock-ups as suggested by justice Krishna Iyer in his report;

(b) whether the Centre is closely monitoring the implementation of justice Krishna Iyer's guidelines by the States; and

(c) whether the National Human Rights commission has also taken up with the Centre the issue of providing dignified treatment to women

detainees in jails/prisons, lock-ups and remand homes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A close monitoring of implementation of recommendations made by Justice Krisna Iyer Committee shows that State Governments/UT Administrations have implemented most of them.

(c) The National Human Rights Commission in its Annual Report for the year 1996-97 had stressed that certain key recommendations of Justice Iyer committee Report should be followed up with greater diligence. These include the following:—

(i) All custodial premises for women should have a private and secure environment;

(ii) Qualified lady doctors and nurses should be attached on a visiting basis to every prison for women and custodial centre for women inmates;

(iii) The scale of diet for women prisoners should be in strict accordance with medical norms.

Mukherjee Commission

1859. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has received report of the DNA Test on the teeth of 'Gumnami Baba' believed by many to be Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Mukherjee Commision is likely to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Commission has informed that it does not deem it prudent to disclose the result of DNA test at this stage of inquiry.

(c) The present extension of the term of the Commission is upto 14.11.03.